Launching of Prosecution against MYS. I. T. C. and its Directors

•2071. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHTNDER SINGH LATHER:

will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstayed Questions 1133 and 402 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, and 28(1. 1 December, 1989 respectively and state that follow up action has been taken by Government with regard to the launching of prosecution against M/s. I. T. C. Limited and its Directors, stating the final position in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): The follow up action taken by the Central Government is as under:

1) Unstarred Question No. 1133 on 4th May, 1989: —

The Government Counsel at Bangalore has opined against launching prosecution in the instant cases. The matter has, therefore, been referred to the Union Law Ministry for their opinion in the matter. The opinion of Law Ministry is awaited.

(2) Unstarred Question No. 402 on 28th December 1989: —

Collector of Central Excise Calcutta-1 has since obtained the opinion of Ministry of Law regarding launching of prosecution against M/s. I. T. C. Limited and its Directors in pursuance of adjudication order passed by Director General of Inspection on 10. 4. 1986. The same is under consideration.

भारतीय व्यापार मेला प्राधिकरण द्वारा दुकानें/खोखों का आवंटन

2072. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली स्थित भारतीय व्यापार मेला प्राधिकरण के परिसर में कुल कितनी दुकानें/खोखे हैं तथा उपर्युक्त में से अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के सदस्यों को कितनी दुकानें/खोखे आवंटित किये गये हैं ; और

(ख) क्या इन जातियों के लिये कोई आरक्षित कोटा है, और यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री अरुण कुमार नेहरू) : (क) और (ख) प्रगति मैदान, दिल्ली में दुकानों/खोखों की कुल संख्या क्रमश: 46 और 13 हैं ।

अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिये विशेष आरक्षण नहीं है ।

Effect of Bhagalpur Disturbances on Handloom Industry

2073. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handloom industry of Bhagalpur, Bihar has been adversely affected due to the recent disturbance there;

(b) whether any Central team has visited the area to revive the industry; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Officer of the Central Government was deputed to visit Bhagalpur alongwith State government officials to make an on-the-spot assessment of the problems of riot-affected handloom weavers. On the basis of this assessment, an action plan has been formulated to extend support to the affected weavers, through reconstruction and supply of looms, provision of workshed-cum-houses, margin money

and interest subsidy to revive the production cycle. The relief will involve and outlay of Rs. 155. 00 lakhs.

Promotion in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

2074. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1968 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether action initiated for filling up posts in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has since been completed;

(b) whether any representations have been received from the general public relating to this issue and if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether the ad hoc arrangement made in filling up the post of Deputy Director (Admn and Coord.) at Varanasi is still continuing; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to discontinue such arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The ad-hoc appointment of the post of Deputy Director (Admn. & Coord.) at Varanasi will be discontinued as soon as the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission for filling up the post on regular basis is received by this office.

Malpractices/Irregularities in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

2075. SHRI T. R. BALU; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that several malpractices/irregularities in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handici afts) were brought to light by the general public since March, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department has shown singular indifference to deal with references where senior officers are involved or where no benefits accure to such officers; and

(c) if so. what action has been taken or proposed to be taken to fix responsibility in all such cases and to reetify the irregularities pointed out?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) with a large number of field establishments does receive from time to time complaints/grievances from employees/general public which are always promptly attended to.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Drive to bring: Shopkeepers, Taxi Owners etc. into Income-Tax Bracket

2076. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any drive to bring into income-tax bracket apparently petty, out in reality very rich persons like petty shopkeepers, kiosk owners, shopkeepers selling fruit juices chatwalas, taxi owners, etc. in Delhi and other metropolitan cities like Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Bangalore, Ahmedabad etc;